



# Integrated Arts Academy

September 16, 2013

# NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

- Sept. 17** Open House K-1  
6:00pm
- Sept. 18** Open House 2-3  
6:00 pm
- Sept. 19** Open House 4-5  
6:00 pm
- Sept. 20** Friday Town Meeting  
2:15 pm **Ms. Jenn's class  
sings the Roar Song**
- Sept. 23** Monday Morning Meeting  
8:10 am  
Parent Coffee Connections  
8:30 am
- Sept. 27** Friday Town Meeting  
2:15 pm
- Sept. 30** Monday Morning Meeting  
8:10 am  
Parent Coffee Connections  
8:30 am
- Oct. 2** PTO Meeting  
6:00 pm
- Oct. 3** Picture Day

## PTO

Stay in touch with the IAA PTO by  
joining our google group!

Go to:

[https://groups.google.com/forum/#!fo  
rum/iaa-ptor](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/iaa-ptor)

or email Teal at

[teal.doggett@gmail.com](mailto:teal.doggett@gmail.com) to sign up.



## A message from the principal

Wow. It is hard to believe that we are only 12 days into the school year. I have been so impressed with our parents and their willingness to embrace the uniqueness in the mission, design and history of our school. I have been impressed with how the staff is truly taking care of each other, collaborating deeply and considering all possibilities in the delivery of instruction and in meeting student needs. Finally, I am blown away by how our students keep showing growth, maturity and desire to learn about and through the arts.

We have some exciting programs in the development stage. We are expanding our work with the Vermont Youth Orchestra and The Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival, to bring school day, class based strings instruction in 4th and 5th grade. Additionally, through our work with many community partners we are developing a Lab School model where we are connecting community teaching artists with our school and deepening the understanding of arts integration statewide. Stay tuned for many other exciting opportunities for growth. We are doing some very unique things here at IAA!

Finally, we welcome all parents to our open houses. We have 3 open house nights to create a more intimate environment and allow for you to learn about the classroom and how we develop community over the first few weeks of school; **Grades K-1 on the 17th, 2-3 on the 18th and 4-5 on the 19th.** Please come with questions and a desire to learn about your child's learning environment and how we can bridge a strong connection with the home. Dates and times are listed in detail on page 3 of this newsletter.

Artfully,

**Bobby Riley**  
School Principal

## Fifth Grade

Our students have been integrating Drama and Writing this month as we learn how to express ourselves in a meaningful way. One of our overarching goals for the year is for students to develop confidence in their ability to communicate effectively. Ms. Joan is helping us to work on speaking with clarity and with an appropriate tone of voice. We have also been working on using eye contact and facial gestures to connect with our audience. Ms. Bronwyn and Mr. Whitman are helping students to use these new drama skills as they create detailed essay writing.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Fall!

### Bronwyn & Patrick



Mr. Whitman's class



Ms. B's class

## Visual Art



First Graders in Visual Art Class

This past week, students in a first grade class looked to the artist Saul Steinberg, famous for his *New Yorker* covers, for inspiration. In Steinberg's imaginative work, the students found bits of text embedded in images. In response to his art, the students created their own colorful, abstract compositions, exploring the spaces between, inside, and around "piles of letters" on a page.

Watch for a PTO e-mail about the new art studio blog! For a sneak peak at the blog in its early stages, visit [iaartstudio.tumblr.com](http://iaartstudio.tumblr.com), password: integratedarts

### Ms. Leaphart



Ms. Leaphart's paintbrushes

## Second Grade

We've been working hard in the second grade! The students are creating respectful classroom communities and settling in to routines for writing, reading, and math. Ms. Decarreau's class turned their hopes and dreams for the year into lovely haiku—come see the display in the corridor! Mr. Leal's class has been acting out stories that they write and then rewriting the stories to make the performances more dynamic. There's been lots of storytelling, art-making, and fun learning in both rooms!

Mr. Leal, Ms. Decarreau



### Parents! Come to Monday Morning Coffee Connections

Every Monday morning at 8:30 a.m., the PTO hosts a friendly morning coffee, tea, & pastry hour for parents.

#### All parents are welcome!

We know that most of you are have to scramble to work, but if you are available at this time please stay for coffee after you drop the kids off and have some pastry and conversation with other IAA parents.

## OPEN HOUSE

This year the IAA is hosting three nights of open house to allow for better connecting with classroom teachers and other families. There is a thirty minute classroom session and thirty minutes for a community dinner with other families in your child's grade.

The schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday September 17**  
6:00-7:00 pm

**Kindergarten classroom 6-6:30**  
**Kindergarten dinner 6:30-7:00**

**First grade dinner 6-6:30**  
**First grade classroom**  
**6:30-7:00**

**Wednesday September 18**  
6:00-7:00 pm

**Third grade dinner 6-6:30**  
**Third grade classroom 6:30-7**

**Second grade classroom 6-6:30**  
**Second grade dinner 6:30-7:00**

**Thursday September 19**  
6:00-7:00 pm

**Fifth grade dinner 6-6:30**  
**Fifth grade classroom 6:30-7**

**Fourth grade classroom 6-6:30**  
**Fourth grade dinner 6:30-7:00**

## Guidance

It goes without saying that school attendance is so important to school success, but let us not forget the importance of punctuality, or "being on time". The Burlington School District now sends out Alert Now messages to parents notifying them that their child has been tardy at 5, 10, 15, and 20 days. Being punctual is a life skill that we promote. For teachers and students both, to be able to start on time allows for readiness and sets the stage for a smooth transition from home to school and a successful day of learning. While it is understood that there will be an occasional time that some are late, let us all work together to maximize the amount of time we can devote to student learning. 8:10 is on time.

**Steve Lane**



## Student Opportunity After School Art Class!



Once again, the Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont and the IAA are teaming up to offer our students a fall art adventure class at the museum. For six weeks our students are privileged to attend an art class taught by UVM art education students. Using the vast resources at the museum and the museum as a classroom, IAA students will view and discuss museum exhibits followed by a hands-on art lesson in the museum art studio. This afterschool enrichment opportunity has been made available to the students of the IAA because of the partnership we have with the Fleming Museum. It is FREE to our students, and there are **only 10 spots** available for each session. Sessions are as follows:

### Session 1

Open to grades 1 & 2  
Wednesdays 2:15 -3:30  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23

### Session 2

Open to grades 3, 4 & 5  
Wednesdays 2:25-3:30  
October 30  
November 13  
November 20

If you are interested in your child participating in this opportunity please email Judy Klima at [jklima@bsdvt.org](mailto:jklima@bsdvt.org) as soon as possible. Additionally, we are looking for 1 or 2 parent chaperones for each session.

Children of parents willing to chaperone will be given priority.

# Integrated Arts Academy • Snapshots

## IAA Welcomes our newest students!



“Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.”

– L. Frank Baum